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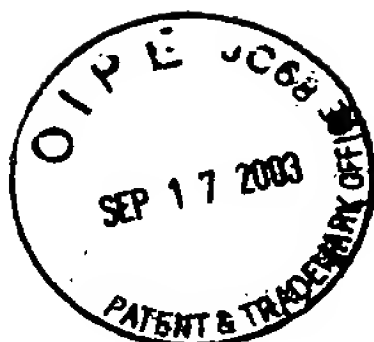
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a complete response to the Final Office Action, dated May 15, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner continue examination of the present application in view of the present amendments and accompanying remarks.

Attached hereto is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, and the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(a), providing for a timely response up to and including September 15, 2003.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.